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Dear Harold:

I had to copy the Anderson column on Hughes for our files, and while doing it made one for you too. The reason it had to be copied is that I want to send the long Kaiser account of the Post strike to some Guild friends who are interested. I've followed the strike casually, both in the Post and the NY Times, so was much interested in seeing what Kaiser would do with it. He played it quite straight as far as I can see, not an easy thing to do. He confirms my long-standing impression that all sides made almost unbelieveable mistakes and blunders from the beginning. A sad story, and the Post has emerged more like a shopping news than ever before. It may be remarkable that it held out against the corrupting environment of the system (of which it is a part) as long as it did.

We shall keep an eye out for any reference to MK Ultra etc. I think I've seen one, but have the impression it was an Anderson column you've seen. In any case, if we do have such a reference, it's buried at the moment in the daily holding files, where it will turn up soon as we work through the material. We'll keep a sharp watch for you.

Thanks for your offers, but we do NOT need any of the things you offered to send: The CIA IG report, 1,000 pages on domestic intelligence you're getting from Schweiker, the original Greenspun story on Castro-JFK, nor the Chicago Independent's treatment of what Skolnick got from Valle. It's very good and thoughtful of you to offer these, but we try to pass up what seem to us to be marginal items, especially if they're bulky. And these seem to be marginal for us as we continue trying to narrow the area we're trying to cover. In general, I'm most interested in China, of course, and the STM is still concentrating on Nixon and Nixon-Watergate angles. We do collect other stuff, but those are the areas where we try to be as thorough as possible.

Example: The feds have extradition scheduled for one Frank Peroff, a former federal stool pigeon they've had on the string for years, mostly in narcotics areas. However he has links with Vesco and possibly Rebozo, likewise the mafiosi, hence our interest. The Times and Chronicle have been ignoring him, but the Post has been running a little stuff on his fight to avoid extradition to Sweden on a fraud rap. If the Post disposes of his case, we'd be glad to know what happens.

Another thing you might keep an eye on is the Personalities column (and Maxine Cheshire) where we've frequently found missing bits in the Nixon story through references to Julie, David, Tricia, Korff and other marginal characters who get relegated to the gossip columns.

Otherwise, use your own judgement and don't go to any more trouble than you absolutely have to.

It strikes us, from some reference you made recently to Jerry Ray getting media coverage, that someone may have him in tow in order to influence Jimmy, and that the ones who are being got rid of are not Bud but you and Jim. Just an off-hand reaction from a long way off.

Best, Jim jdw